



Cropwell Butler Parish Council
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**Cropwell Butler Parish Council
 Ordinary Parish Council Meeting**

Monday 9th October 2023 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr Chris Davenport, Cllr Graham Allen, Cllr Jeremy Williams, Cllr Roy Morledge, Cllr David Wells and Cllr Goodwin.

Apologies: Cllr A Cockayne, Cllr Brenda Day, Cllr Neil Clarke (NCC) and Cllr Ted Birch (RBC).

In Attendance: Parish Clerk Eleanor Parker

Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

1. To receive and approve apologies

a) Apologies received for Cllr Day and Cllr Cockayne

2. To Receive Declaration of Interest

a) None

3. Resignation of Councillor Cockayne

a) Resignation received from Councillor Cockayne by email on 14th September 2023, process with RBC followed and no election was called. The Parish Council thank Cllr Cockayne for his 16 years of volunteering.

4. Co-option of new Councillor

a) Paul Goodwin was unanimously appointed. Cllr Allen proposed, Cllr Morledge seconded.

5. Parishioners Question Time

a) None present

6. Minutes of previous meeting from Monday 10th July 2023

Minutes from Monday 11th September 2023 were proposed by Cllr Allen, seconded by Cllr Williams, unanimously agreed and signed by the Chairman, Cllr Davenport.

7. Matters arising from previous meeting

Covered in points below

8. Finance

a) Payments pending for signature / Direct Debit;

Clerk Invoice Sept 2023 – E Parker	£264.20
Clerk expenses: ink & stamps – E Parker	£24.80
R A Salt September 2023	£1047.60

b) Income to Date (since last statement):

Davenport, cemetery plot 594 £150.00

Financial Statement: (dated 30th September 2023)

Current Account £29,236.24

Business Reserve £11,152.12

- c) Payments approved for payment. Unanimously agreed, proposed by Cllr Allen, seconded by Cllr Wells. Cheques dated 09/10/2023.
- d) Clerk to query the insurance increase with BHIB as it's just over 25% from the previous year.

9. Financial Report

- a) Online banking application has been submitted to Natwest.

10. Report from a representative of the Parish Council on the Village Hall Committee

- a) Village Hall insurance was discussed. Clerk to query the constitution with the Village Hall committee.
- b) Cllr Goodwin will attend village hall committee meetings ad-hoc on behalf of the Parish Council.

11. Correspondence for Action/Received

- a) None received

12. Flooding Prevention Updates/Actions

- a) NCC Flood Warden Scheme training took place on Monday 25th September 2023. Further volunteers required. Policy from NCC to be reviewed by a working group outside of Parish meeting after further advertising.
- c) Cllr Wells advised that the ditch clearance took place on 5th October for Sheldon field. A further clearing is going to take place on Monday 30th October, 9am for the rest of the ditch in Sheldon Field and playground.

Actions:

- l) Clerk to advertise flood warden training in November newsletter

13. Traffic, Highways & Footpaths Issues – Update on any issues/faults reported since last meeting

- a) Community speed watch was discussed to join with Tythby to receive training and take speed tests. It was agreed to advertise in the November newsletter to recruit volunteers before proceeding further.
- b) Flytipping signs have been put out by RBC.

14. Cropwell Butler website

- a) No updates

15. Playground Report

- a) No updates

16. Planning Applications (plus any to hand):

- a) None to review

17. Cemetery

- a) Lychgate maintenance will be picked up by Cllr Davenport in spring.

18. Allotments

- a) 2 allotments available. Adverts in village Newsletter and Facebook, no interest from Cropwell Bishop.

19. Sheldon Field

- a) Cllr Wells advised the costs have increased from £1500 to £5250 from Fields In Trust for the transfer. It was agreed that Cllr Wells will negotiate with Fields In Trust to the original cost.
- b) Cllr Davenport advised we need further information about Sheldon Fields succession planning. Cllr Wells will follow up.

20. AOB

- a) RCAN survey is being drafted to be issued in the December newsletter for parishioner feedback.
- b) Cllr Allen EMA meeting on October 30th.

21. Date of next meeting full council meeting:

Monday 13th November 2023

Meeting closed 9.45pm